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Dear Taxpayer:

Last year, increases in property taxes around the state spurred a call-to-action at all levels of government to ensure a fair and equitable property tax system for all Hoosier taxpayers.

Property taxes are the primary source of funding for local governments. Thus, increases – or decreases – in property taxes are a result of total local spending and fiscal management.

Hoosier citizens have the right to object to local spending, including against capital projects. Currently, this is done through the petition and remonstrance process.

As this is a complicated process, the Department of Local Government Finance has developed this “Citizen’s Petition and Remonstrance Toolkit” to better assist Indiana residents to understand the objection process for local construction projects.

The Citizen’s Petition and Remonstrance Toolkit will provide answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs), a timeline for filing a petition and remonstrance, sample forms (including the instructions for filing the petition and remonstrance), and a link to the Indiana statutes concerning the process.

The DLGF is continually working to assist taxpayers in understanding local government taxation and holding local units of government accountable for responsible spending. The Citizen’s Petition and Remonstrance Toolkit is part of that effort by providing free and easy access to information so taxpayers can ensure their voice is heard.

Sincerely,

Cheryl A. W. Musgrave  
Commissioner